

Mayor & Board of Health

A Message From Mayor Chris Beutler



Chris Beutler
Mayor of Lincoln

Building a strong athletic team requires a combination of personal commitment and group effort. In much the same way, building a healthy community requires both personal responsibility and teamwork among government, business, the health care industry, schools, faith groups and non-profits. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department is a major player on our team, with its focus on the prevention of disease and

environmental hazards. Public health is a priority for the department and for my administration.

Most of us have been touched by the major health issues of this past year – the H1N1 flu, the problems of the uninsured, the concern over rising obesity rates in children and adults. The ever-changing picture highlights the community's need for the services of our Health Department.

This annual report gives you a snapshot of the wide variety of programs and services that help keep this community healthy.

Community involvement is essential to a successful public agency, and I appreciate all those who provide guidance by serving on the Board of Health or one of the department's many advisory committees. These residents also serve as our public health ambassadors, and the result is a heightened commitment in our community to improved personal health and a cleaner and more sustainable environment. I applaud the department's current efforts to achieve national accreditation, and I appreciate the support of the public as all our departments strive to maintain excellence.

Our Health Department is committed to partnership, professionalism and public service. The entire community can take pride in its efforts to live by its slogan, "Public Health: Every One, Every Day, Every Where."

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Board of Health Mission & Vision

Mission: To advocate for the public's health in Lincoln and Lancaster County

Vision: To advise, guide and support the Health Department in protecting and promoting the public's health in Lincoln and Lancaster County

The Department was created as an official City/County entity in 1947. The Mayor appoints the Health Director, with confirmation by the City Council, County Board and Board of Health. The Board of Health consists of one physician, one dentist, one City Council member, one County Board member and five individuals from the community.